STATUS REPORT for US 17 CORRIDOR

January, 2013



US 17 Status Update

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US 17 Wilmington Bypass (R-2633 A/B)

- Final Environmental Impact Statement April 2007
- Record of Decision October 2007
- Design Public Hearing Jan 2008
- R/W Acquisition Segment A complete

Segment B – underway

• Construction Segment A - March 1, 2010 (Design -Build

contract awarded)

estimated completion – July, 2013

Segment B – Letting scheduled for Sept. 2013

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Segment A Bridge work nearly completed.
- Segment A Culvert replacement at southern terminus (existing US 17) continuing.
- Paving operations on most new location sections.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Segment A Finalize bridge deck surfaces.
- Segment A Traffic shift on existing US 17 (placing traffic on final lane locations).
- Segment B Right of Way Acquisition process is on-going.
- Segment B Final design will continue.

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US 17 Hampstead Bypass (R-3300)

- Federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement Approved July 2011
- Federal Final Environmental Impact Statement September 2013
- State Record of Decision January 2014
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition SFY 2017
- Construction is unfunded in STIP

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- An additional interchange is now proposed north of Topsail High School, as requested by citizens at the October 2011 hearings. A design has been developed which safely accommodates traffic and avoids red-cockaded woodpecker foraging habitat.
- Merger team concurred on Alternative E-H as the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative for the project at a meeting held on May 23, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Merger team meeting to discuss avoidance and minimization (Concurrence Point 4A) will be held in January 2013.
- Environmental data will be updated, as necessary, following merger team meeting. This is being done as part of preparation of the FEIS, which is scheduled to be completed in September 2013.
- Biological Assessment for endangered species impacts will be prepared prior to completion of the Corps of Engineers' Record of Decision for the Section 404 permit.

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US 17 Jax Bypass to Drummer Kellum Road (U-4007)

- Environmental Assessment Approved October 2006
- Finding of No Significant Impact Approved February 2008
- Right of Way Acquisition

Segment A: complete
Segment B: complete
Segment C: 2023
Segment D: unfunded

Construction

Segment A: July 2011 (estimated completion - Dec. 2013)
Segment B: October 2010 (estimated completion - Nov. 2013)

Segments C&D: unfunded

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

Segment A: Construction approximately 82% complete
 Segment B: Construction approximately 58% complete

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US 17 Belgrade to New Bern Bypass (R-2514 B, C, & D)

- State Draft Environmental Impact Statement Approved August 31, 2004
- Corridor Public Hearing August 16, 2005
- Maysville Bypass Public Hearing December 1, 2009
- State Final Environmental Impact Statement Approved June 23, 2011
- State Record of Decision Approved June 25, 2012
- Design Public Hearing September 2012
- Right of Way acquisition:

Segment B: SFY 2014 Segment C: SFY 2013 Segment D: SFY 2013

• Construction:

Segment B: SFY 2016 Segment C: SFY 2015 Segment D: SFY 2015

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Right of way plan preparation underway.
- Design Public Hearings conducted Sept. 13 & 18

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Post-Hearing Meeting (1/15/2013)
- Continue right of way plans design work.

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US 17 New Bern Bypass (R-2301)

- Record of Decision approved June 2001
- Segment "A" Complete
- Segment "B" Begin Right of Way Acquisition in 2020

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

• Segment "B" - A Reevaluation must be prepared due to the time that has elapsed since the approval of the Record of Decision in June 2001. Project development activities are scheduled to begin in early-mid 2013.

Project Manager - Section "B": Mark Pierce, P.E., (919) 707-6035, mspierce@ncdot.gov

US 17 from SR 1438 to Washington Bypass (R-2513)

- Environmental screening report prepared by PDEA staff April 2005
- Project Costs Updated by Feasibility Studies Unit March 2010

Project not currently funded for Right of Way or Construction, but is programmed for planning and environmental studies only.

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US 17 Washington Bypass (R-2510)

- Record of Decision approved Dec. 2004
- Section "A" Complete
- Section "B" Complete
- Section "C" Right of Way acquisition completed
- Section "C" Construction let March 2011, Estimated completion - Dec. 2013

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED

• Section "C" – Continued grading, drainage, paving, and structure activities for Section C. Project is 59% complete.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED

• Section "C" – Complete bridge construction over Old Ford Swamp. Continue installation of drainage pipes, waterlines, grading, and ditching.

Project Manager (Section C): Shawn Mebane (252) 792-0347, cmebane@ncdot.gov

US 17 from Washington Bypass to Williamston (R-2511)

- Environmental Assessment April 2013
- Finding of No Significant Impact April 2014
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition 2019
- Construction is unfunded in 10-year work program

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

• Preliminary design for project has been revised based on roadway grade recommendations received from the Geotechnical Unit.

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Merger team meeting to discuss wetlands and streams to be bridged (concurrence point 2A) is scheduled for January 31, 2013.
- Environmental assessment is scheduled to be completed in April 2013.

Project Manager: Joe Miller, P.E., (919) 707-6031, josephmiller@ncdot.gov

Additional US 17 Projects:

US 17 from Mills Street in Bridgeton to NC 43 (R-3403)

- Environmental Assessment Approved June 3, 2002
- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Approved January 2005
- Addendum to FONSI Approved July 2005
- Segment "A" Right of Way Acquisition completed late 2008
- Segment "AA" Project construction letting Sept. 2010 Project completed – May 2012
- Segment "AB" Began Construction May 2010 Project completed - Aug. 2012
- Segment "B" Right of Way acquisition unfunded
- Segment "B" Construction unfunded

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

- Segment AA Project completed May, 2012
- Segment AB Project completed Aug. 2012

<u>US 17-74-76 / NC 133 Widening (R-3601)</u>

- Categorical Exclusion Approved September 2010
- Categorical Exclusion Addendum Approved August 2011
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition February 2013
- Begin Construction February 2014

ACTION ITEMS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED:

- Right of Way Consultation approved November 2012
- Roadway & hydraulic design work

ACTION ITEMS PLANNED:

- Finalize roadway and hydraulic design work for Right of Way plans
- CP 4C meeting February 2013
- Apply for environmental permits

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